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NEWS FROM ROME ABOUT UKRAINIAN FASCISTS

Latest Confidential Bulletin Includes Report on Sinking  
of British Ship; Also Censure of The Hour and PM

In Rome, Italy, there is an office entitled Ukrainian Press Service. Its function is to supply fascistically-inclined Ukrainian newspapers throughout the world with confidential bulletins, containing "news" items, policy hints and general propaganda material. In charge of the Press Service is Eugene Onatzky. He is a member of the Provid, Ukrainian Fascist Center, which is located in Berlin and operates under the guidance of the Intelligence Department of the German War Office.

Key U. S. recipient of Onatzky's "news" bulletins is Svoboda, official publication of the Ukrainian Nationalist Association. This daily newspaper, which is published in Jersey City, N. J., receives special treatment from the Press Service in Rome. Director Onatzky even acts as a regular foreign correspondent for Svoboda.

ODWU Credited With Sinking Ships

The Hour is informed that the latest bulletin from the Press Service in Rome contains some startling information. This bulletin reports that the press in Argentina has announced the sinking of several British ships by members of the ODWU, fascistic Organization for the Rebirth of the Ukraine. It also states that the Brazilian press has carried the same news. In accomplishing the destruction of the British boats, the Argentine branch of the ODWU is described as having acted under the direct supervision of Nazis.

The Hour has frequently described the activities and affiliations of that branch of the ODWU which operates in the United States. We have revealed the relationship that exists between this band and the German military and espionage departments. We have pointed out that the operations of the ODWU in our country include the attempt to place members in key positions in all Ukrainian organizations; and that among these organizations is the Ukrainian Nationalist Association, which publishes Svoboda. (It should, of course, be mentioned that the

ODWU is a minority movement and that its maneuverings are strongly resisted by most Ukrainian-Americans, who are staunchly pro-democratic.)

Only three weeks ago The Hour disclosed that Svoboda had printed on February 1 and 3 two articles entitled "Explosive Substances" which gave detailed instructions regarding the making of bombs and other explosives. At the time we ran this story we asked the editors of Svoboda: "Are these instructions on bomb-making for the benefit of Svoboda readers in Canada or in the United States? Or for the benefit of both?" It now appears that we should have included mention of South America.

#### Attack on Hour and PM

The bulletin from the Ukrainian Press Service which reports on the fate of British ships at the hands of ODWU members contains another item of interest. It is an article, by Onatzky himself, fiercely attacking The Hour and PM.

Both publications are labeled by the bulletin from Rome as being "organs of Stalin." They are bolshevik propaganda sheets, according to Onatzky, because they have conducted campaigns against fascist-Ukrainian and Nazi forces operating in the United States.

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#### NEWS AND NAZI PROPAGANDA ABOUT HOLLAND

On February 27 the U. S. press headlined the news of riots in Holland against the Nazis. The news reached America in dispatches emanating from Berlin. These dispatches related that a series of strikes and riots had necessitated the imposing of martial law by the Nazis. A German announcement stated, "During the act of restoring order six disturbers of the peace were killed and a number more or less severely injured. A great number of persons responsible for the disturbances or having participated therein were arrested."

In Amsterdam, General Friedrich Christiansen, German military commander, issued a proclamation establishing a military administration for the Province of North Holland. The general declared, "I have taken over executive power for the Province of North Holland in view of the present political situation." He warned that provoking strikes or discontinuance of work "will be punishable by imprisonment of fifteen years"; such activity in vital industries, said the general, might be punishable by death. Strikers were ordered to return to work immediately. All parades and demonstrations were forbidden.

#### Propaganda Version

In the light of the above news, a statement released on February 24 by the German Library of Information in New York City makes interesting





reading. This statement, appearing in the Library's bulletin, Facts In Review, has the caption "Social Legislation For Dutch Workers" and observes:

"In keeping with the spirit of the New Order in Europe, wide-spread attention has been given to relieving unemployment in Holland. Many once jobless Dutch workers are now working in Germany, where they not only receive the same wages as German workers but also, through the application of new legislation, the same social privileges. Their families who still reside in Holland receive free medical and dental treatment, and hospitalization besides sickness, death and disability insurance. In addition, the same care is given married women by the "Mother and Child" organization in Germany. The Dutch workers and their families are also entitled to old-age pensions."

Events in Holland indicate that the Dutch workers do not appreciate the blessings of the "New Order" established in their land by the Nazis. The actions of the Dutch workers strip bare the wretched lie of the Nazi propagandists.

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#### JAPANESE PROPAGANDISTS AND U. S. APPEASERS

Japanese propagandists depict their government's invasion of China as a holy mission, the purpose of which is to bring peace, prosperity and culture to a benighted Chinese people. The Japanese American Review, propaganda sheet published fortnightly in New York City by the Nippon Publishing Company, is no exception to this rule. To show the uplifting effects of Tokyo's "mission" in the Far East, the Review even prints articles supposedly written by Chinese citizens, which describe the "wonders" that Hirohito's soldiers are bringing to China (see The Hour for December 21, 1940).

In its February 22 issue, the Review indulges in a slight variation of the old theme. On the editorial page, under the caption "Tokyo's Primary Aim Is Stability In China," this statement appears:

"Japan, it is true, has spent millions in China to correct a chaotic condition that menaced her peace, her safety, even her very existence, just as the United States would be forced to take strong measures if a similar condition of turmoil existed either in Canada or Mexico, ... and Japan would acknowledge that she had that right. In spite of embargoes Japan probably will continue to strive toward establishing order in the realm of the big broiling neighbor at her own front door."

#### Americans Who Agree With Tokyo

There are already certain individuals in the United States who recommend our bringing to Canada and Mexico the type of "order" Japan is

establishing in China. Prominent among them are Senator Robert R. Reynolds, Father Charles E. Coughlin, Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, and William Dudley Pelley. Only a few months ago Senator Reynolds demanded in a radio talk from Raleigh, N. C., that Mexico be forced to cede to the United States the Mexican peninsula of Lower California; and he inserted the text of this radio address into the Congressional Record. At the same time Father Coughlin, in a series of anti-Mexican articles, lent Social Justice to spreading the Senator's message.

Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, one of the original promoters of this new American imperialism, said more than a year ago, "This Western Hemisphere is our domain." He has periodically repeated this opinion, elaborating on ways in which "We" can ensure the complete domination of this continent. His proposals have been echoed by Reynolds, Pelley, Joseph McWilliams and other members of the anti-democratic clan. All advocate the expansion of the United States, north into Canada and south into Latin America, by forceful means or "otherwise." Pelley sums up their reasons quite bluntly: "It is a good idea to play with -- business is business!"

These proponents of U. S. aggression are today, without exception, parading before the American public as lovers of peace. It appears that Japanese propagandists and American appeasers have a great deal in common.

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#### MERWIN K. HART ON ANTI-SEMITISM

Merwin K. Hart, anti-democratic head of the New York State Economic Council, has again issued one of his frequent proclamations about his patriotism. This time his statement, which appeared in the press on February 27, is in answer to comments made by Secretary Ickes before a dinner given in New York on February 26 by the Protestant Digest Associates.

Hart in his statement to the press indignantly declares, "Mr. Ickes accuses me of treason. His statements are as false as statements can be. I am neither anti-Semitic, anti-Negro nor anti-sharecropper."

In connection with Hart's protestation, we quote the following passage that appeared in The Hour on September 28, 1940: "... a major portion of Merwin K. Hart's speech was quoted from a book of which he is author, entitled, America -- Look At Spain. This book, while attacking democracy throughout the world, praises the fascism that has come to Spain. The anti-Semitism in Spain is excused with historical analogies: 'In 1469 Ferdinand of Aragon married Isabella of Castile. They recognized the imperative need for unity ... They began the enforced conversion (and expulsion) of non-Christian elements in the land.' A pamphlet advertising this book includes recommendations from prominent anti-Semites. Among these are the gentlemen-fascist John B. Trevor, head of the American Coalition, and John B. Snow, director of the League for Constitutional Government, who deals in the Protocols of Zion and other anti-Semitic literature. The Coughlinite Brooklyn Tablet also endorsed America -- Look At Spain."